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SUBJ/GOOD NEWS YOU CAN USE UPDATE//

RMKS/1. THIS NAVADMIN IS PART OF ONGOING EFFORTS TO SPREAD THE GOOD WORD ON NAVY QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL) INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT OUR SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

- MONTGOMERY GI BILL (MGIB) PROGRAM BENEFITS INCREASE MEANS MORE MONEY FOR COLLEGE. ON 1 OCTOBER 2003, MGIB PROGRAM BENEFITS WILL INCREASE TO \$35,460. THAT'S \$985 PER MONTH FOR FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT (PRO-RATED FOR LESS THAN FULL-TIME) FOR 36-MONTHS. ACTIVE DUTY SAILORS CAN ALSO USE MGIB TO SUPPLEMENT ANY PORTION OF TUITION AND FEES NOT COVERED BY TUITION ASSISTANCE. SEE YOUR NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE FOR DETAILS OR CALL 1-800-962-1425. YOU CAN ALSO "BOOST" YOUR BENEFITS BY ENROLLING IN THE MGIB INCREASED BENEFIT OPTION OR "BOOSTER," WHICH CAN INCREASE YOUR MGIB PROGRAM BENEFITS BY UP TO \$5,400 (\$150 PER MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS). SEE YOUR PERSONNEL OFFICE/PSD FOR DETAILS ON "BOOSTER" ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY. REQUIREMENTS ARE OUTLINED IN NAVADMIN 103/01.

- THE "COMPASS" PROGRAM OFFERS SPOUSES AN INTRODUCTION TO NAVY LIFE. THIS PROGRAM IS A COMPREHENSIVE TWELVE-HOUR COURSE (THREE FOUR-HOUR SESSIONS IN THREE DAYS) THAT COVERS THE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION THAT A SPOUSE WILL NEED TO BE FULLY PREPARED FOR NAVY LIFE. IT COVERS EVERYTHING FROM BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO NAVY HISTORY AND TRADITIONS. THE COURSES ARE TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCED NAVY SPOUSES WHO HAVE FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE WITH NAVY FAMILY LIFE. THE COURSES ARE FREE, AND DAY CARE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE. COMPASS COURSES ARE CURRENTLY TAUGHT ON BASES IN SAN DIEGO AND CHINA LAKE, CA; KINGS BAY, GA; PEARL HARBOR, HI; NORFOLK, VA; GROTON, CT; AND GUAM. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT COMPASS OR HOW TO START A PROGRAM IN YOUR AREA, VISIT THE WEB AT [WWW.LIFELINES.ORG/FAMILYLINE/COMPASS](http://WWW.LIFELINES.ORG/FAMILYLINE/COMPASS).

- WEB-BASED PHYSICAL READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (PRIMS). PRIMS CAME ON-LINE 1 OCTOBER 2002, AND THE LATEST VERSION IS NOW BEING USED BY OVER 3,900 ACTIVE AND RESERVE NAVY COMMANDS. PRIMS FEATURES INCLUDE RISK CONTROLS, PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT (PFA) TRACKING, ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS, AND FITNESS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (FEP) ENROLLMENT. SPECIALIZED REPORTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY AVAILABLE FOR THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. NO PAPER RECORDS NEED BE MAINTAINED OR TRANSFERRED. UPON CHECK-IN TO THE NEW DUTY STATION, COMMANDS UTILIZING PRIMS SIMPLY TRANSFER A NEW SHIPMATE'S PFA RECORDS INTO THE COMMAND'S PFA FILE WITH A FEW STROKES OF THE KEYBOARD. PRIMS USAGE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE COMMAND LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER THE PHYSICAL READINESS PROGRAM. TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT THE WEB AT [HTTP://WWW.MWR.NAVY.MIL/MWRPRGMS/MISSUP.HTM](http://WWW.MWR.NAVY.MIL/MWRPRGMS/MISSUP.HTM) OR CONTACT TIM CEPAK AT (901)874-4242/DSN 882, OR E-MAIL [PERS651F@PERSNET.NAVY.MIL](mailto:PERS651F@PERSNET.NAVY.MIL).  
- THE NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND'S CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER (CSC)

EXPANDS. STARTING IN AUGUST 2003 CSC IS NPC'S SINGLE POINT OF PHONE CONTACT FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE ISSUES SUCH AS PAY AND BENEFITS, PROFESSIONAL RECORDS, PERFORM TO SERVE, AND RATING AND ASSIGNMENT RESEARCH. IN ADDITION, CSC ALSO SERVES AS THE RECIPIENT OF ALL STATUTORY (NOT ADMINISTRATIVE) SELECTION BOARD PACKAGES. THE CENTER'S AGENTS LOG AND FORWARD BOARD PACKAGES, PROVIDING CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT AND ENSURING TIMELY DELIVERY TO THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION BOARD. SAILORS CAN NOW ACCESS ALL THESE SERVICES BY CALLING CSC AT 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (827-5672) OR VISITING CSC ON THE WEB AT WWW.STAYNAVY.NAVY.MIL AND CLICKING ON THE LINK TO CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER.

2. PLEASE SHARE YOUR EXAMPLES OF INNOVATIVE QOL EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS SO WE CAN SPREAD THE WORD IN FUTURE MESSAGES.

3. POC IS ENS MARK CORBLISS (901) 874-4220/DSN 882 OR E-MAIL MARK.CORBLISS@NAVY.MIL.

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